(c) to what extent the consumers are likely to get better telephone services in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Improvement in telephone services has been achieved by introduction of electronic exchanges in the network push button telephones, PCM junctions, use of jelly filled cables and ducting in external plant, computerisation of several services and special attention to customer interface.

PCO in village Panchayats

49. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently declared that a PCO would be provided to every village Panchayat in the country ; and

(b) if so, by when this target is likely to be achieved by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal is to provide these PCOs progressively, subject to availability of resources.

CGHS in Assam

50. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government Health Scheme has not been implemented at any place in Assam ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. A basic concentration of 7500 or more of Central Government employees is required for extension of CGHS facilities to a new city. As no city in Assam fulfils the criterian, CGHS facilities have not been extended to any city in Assam.

Indifference of doctors in Safdarjung Hospital towards an accident victim

51. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in 'Indian Express' dated the 28th May, 1989 under the caption 'Are They Doctors or Brutes' regarding the callousness and indifferent attitude of the doctors of the Safdarjung hospital when a patient with serious head injuries suffered in a car accident, who happened to be a senior staff nurse of the same hospital, was brought to the hospital; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One Mrs. G. K. Pillai was admitted in Safdarjung Hospital on 6-5-1989 with multiple head injury. She was given all necessary treatment possible before she left the hospital against medical advice on 7-5-1989. There was no callousness